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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 01/15/2002, as extended by the accompanying petition for a three-month extension, kindly amend this application as follows.

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please replace Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings with proposed Figures 1 and 2 as attached for the Examiner's approval.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

A1  
A method of making tree seedling plugs which permits the plug to be transplanted earlier is provided. The tree seeds are planted in a structured soil growing medium, and a miniplug is formed which is then transferred to a standard size growing cell for further development to form the plug.